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# *Rapid River News!*

*From L.R.B.O.I.*

*Mkwa-Giizis (Bear Moon)*  
*February 7, 2011 Volume 6 Issue 6*

*(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)*

**Rapid River Note...**the tribal e-news has a new streamlined look! Because of the amount of information that needs to be in the e-news, the file size has become quite large. This has caused some problems on the receiving end by our readers. This new format should be easier to retrieve and read. Please let us know how it works for you. Contact us at [currentscomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentscomments@lrboi.com).

**Currents...**the U.S. Post Office now sends the tribal newspaper to Pittsburgh for sorting before mailing it out. Previously it had been sorted and mailed through Cadillac, MI. This change has added to the delivery time so if your newspaper is later than usual, that's why. This is something that is totally out of the control of the tribal government!

## *(Cultural related items)*

- **Jiingtamok 2011.** The Historic preservation Department is having a meeting to plan the Jiingtamok and invites all community members with interest to attend to assist and take part in this event's development. The meeting will be held February 21 at 5:30 PM at the offices of the THP Department located at 294 River St in Manistee.
- **All Singers & Drummers:** If you are interested in learning about our tribal songs and drumming, a group has formed to practice on Wednesdays. Please feel free to call Bill Memberto at 398-6728 regarding this effort.
  - **Warriors Society Updates.** The Warrior Society has several announcements:
    - They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
    - The new Warriors Society Ordinance is on the approved Ordinances website, under chapter 700, Title 09 [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)
    - Next meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
  - February meeting
    - Operation Back 2 School complete
    - Eagle Feathers for our Veterans in War Zone ready for review
    - Discussion on Motion and Resolution for Checking account for Warriors
    - Request for volunteers to be Flag Carriers and Honor Guards
  - March meeting
    - Election of Officers
    - Discussion on Flag Carriers and Honor Guards
    - Review list of names to be added to Memorial
    - Lunch with the Elders and announcement of Officers

## Kateri Circle 2011

Muskegon Four Season's  
2011 Gatherings  
all dates times are same 11 am to 3 pm  
ST. Thomas Hall  
3252 Apple Ave { M-46 }  
Muskegon , Michigan  
POTLUCK = Dish to pass  
tableware and beverage will be supplied  
Raffles and Door Prizes and silent auctions  
Leader Patti Wlodkowski 231-755-4865  
Debra Gutowski  
231-733-2891 -- 1-616-514-6065 - cell 231-557-1634

Feb----13 Valentine's Gathering

March -- 27 Easter Gathering

Oct -- 23 Halloween gathering

Nov --- 13 Ghost Supper

Dec --- 11 Christmas Gathering

11am to 3 pm all Sunday dates

**Everyone is welcome to come and share and socialize  
and share the day and make memories.....**

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Native American Ministry  
360 Division Ave S suite 3A  
Grand Rapids, MI. 49503  
234-0491x 1517 { direct line}  
514-6065  
Fax { 551-5626 }

## *(General area items)*

- **2011 Manistee County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training!**

Saturday 2/12 and Sunday 2/13 8:00am – 6:00pm Aki Maadiziwin Community Center (2953 Shaw Be Quo Ung near 1470 Dontz Road)

In response to requests from AKI residents, TERT in conjunction with Manistee County Emergency Response and Michigan DHS Region #7 will sponsor a CERT training on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Aki Maadiziwin.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them

in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Visit <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert> for more information on the program!

Please contact your Tribal Emergency Response Team at 231-398-6873 or e-mail [mvelikan@lrboi.com](mailto:mvelikan@lrboi.com) to register.

- **Internship Opportunities for Spring and Summer 2011**

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is looking to hire up to three current undergraduate or graduate students as interns: one for the spring semester and two for summer of 2011. The spring internship is a part-time position of approximately 5-10 hours a week and the summer internships are full-time positions over the course of 10-12 weeks.

All three internships are research-based and emphasize collecting, compiling and analyzing information about Indian land ownership in the U.S. These are excellent opportunities for any students who have a background in Native American history and issues or who have a strong desire to learn.

Visit our **website** to find out more.

- **Commerce - Workforce Development Announce 2011 Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program**

The LRBOI Department of Commerce Workforce Development Program is finalizing plans for a Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program designed to provide qualifying Tribal Citizens a work experience in an assortment of positions via its' government, enterprises and business entities. David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist, explains the program as an opportunity for the LRBOI Tribal Citizen to gain supervised experience in a work setting that can be included on their resume and in interviews.

The Adult component of the program will be open to LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age. Applicants selected to participate in the program will be required to complete up to 32 hours of Job Readiness Training during the course of the program. Selection for the program will be based on the strength of their interview and LRBOI Application for Employment which must be submitted in order to be considered for a position. Applicants must also submit a Workforce Development Application for Programs. There are a limited number of positions that will be available starting from Spring 2011 until Labor Day. The program is limited to 320 hours per participant and pays \$10.00 per hour.

The Youth component of the program will be open to LRBOI Tribal Citizens 16-17 years of age. Applicants selected to participate in the program will also be required to complete up to 32 hours of Job Readiness Training during the course of the program. Selection for the Youth program will be based on the submission of a work permit. State labor laws require the submission of a CA-7 work permit for minors 16 and 17 years of age. No one will be considered or selected for the program without a work permit. There are a limited number of positions that will be available starting from the end of the public school year until Labor Day. The program is limited to 320 hours per participant and pays \$7.65 per hour.

Watch for details of the Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program in the March issue of *Currents* and in *Rapid River News*.

- **HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP** has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.
- **Fitness and fun** at the old community center every Mon. and Thurs. evening after 5 p.m. family/children are welcome! We will be doing *Wii* activities and following exercise DVD's. If anyone has questions they can contact Holly Davis at 398-6610, Community Health Representative at 398-6629 or Peggy Ducey HR 398-6807.
- The **Indian Health Service Scholarship** is now available online with a closing date of March 28, 2011. We do encourage students to submit their documents prior to the deadline so that we can attempt to review their application for completeness. Attached is the listing of those health and pre health professions that the Indian Health Service Scholarship Program will consider.

This past cycle, the Bemidji Area (MI, MN, WI, IL and IN) had received 13 new awardees out of the 86 new national awards that were made and 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the 12 I.H.S. areas, behind Oklahoma and Aberdeen.

<http://www.ihs.gov/JobsCareerDevelop/DHPS/Scholarships/>

This is very competitive scholarship based on 1) GPA, 2) Student essay and 3) Two faculty/employer evaluations. It is NOT based on income or age and students may apply either full time or part time.

If you know of any students who are interested in applying for the I.H.S. Health Professions Scholarship or if you can share this information with those at your Tribal education programs, newspapers, websites, etc., it would be much appreciated.

Any questions, please contact: Anthony Buckanaga, Health Professions Recruiter  
Indian Health Service 522 Minnesota Ave, NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. Phone: 218-444-0486 or 800-892-3079 Email: [tony.buckanaga@ihs.gov](mailto:tony.buckanaga@ihs.gov) FAX: 218-444-0498

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# *(Tribal Government-Department items)*

- **Program Services Guide -2011.** Over the last month, a 2010 updated program directory has been created for the assistance of our tribal citizens, employees and others who wish to access government offices and services. It is available in three different ways:
  1. a .pdf copy is attached
  2. It can be found under the Internal Links section of the left hand side navigation on the website [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)
  3. or the direct link is: <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/docs/LRBOI%20Program%20Reference%20Guide.pdf>

In addition, hard copies are being produced for each of the reception desks within the tribal government. We do ask that you try to avoid printing out copies unnecessarily but keep the guide available for easy access on your computer.
- **Elders Survey Time!** Members Assistance is working on the 2010 Elders Survey for the Administration on Aging and needs your help. Participating elders will receive a gift of appreciation (\$10.00 gift card) and a certificate of participation. We are in need of at least 250 surveys and have only 83 completed so far. Elders interested in participating in this survey are asked to contact the Members Assistance Department at 888-723-8288.
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- **Election Candidate Information.** Candidates for both the Primary and General elections have submitted messages concerning their run for office. Their first messages are in the February *Currents* which is available in the government offices, online at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com) and which has been mailed. The next issue for Candidate articles (following the Primary Election on February 11<sup>th</sup>) will be in the April edition with distribution on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Preliminary results of the Primary Election will appear in the March edition and on the tribal website. The deadline for candidates to submit their articles is March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m.
- The **deadline for voter registration** for the General Election is March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. You must be registered to participate in the election.
- **Elders March meeting!** The Tribal Elders have announced that they will host a meet-n-greet for all candidates at their March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at Aki Maadiziwin. The normal meeting time is from noon until 2 p.m. See the announcement letter at the end of the Rapid River.
- The Elders will also be having their MIEA election March 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be electing 2 representatives and 1 alternate to go to the meetings. One of the reps will need to be a Veteran Warrior so they can carry the tribal flag at the meetings. First meeting of the MIEA will be April 18<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup> at Sault Saint Marie, Michigan
- **Casino Board of Directors** meetings have been set. They are:
  - Feb 25
  - March 25
  - April 8
- **Muskegon Project.** The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has announced the launch of a website, *Muskegon Jobs Now*, viewable and searchable at <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>. The new website provides a comprehensive overview of the economic benefits that a proposed casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township would provide the residents of Muskegon County and the state of Michigan. In addition, the website provides supporters an opportunity to check on the status of the project and contact legislators.

- *(The Black Lake spearing season has been changed to later in February so spearing shanties will be available for Tribal fishers. The shanties will include a heater and a spear. Details of the season are below.)*

Black Lake Sturgeon Spearing in February! The Natural Resources Commission will be authorizing sturgeon spearing in Black Lake (Cheboygan County) for this February. Spearing will take place through the ice. The date for harvest is February 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact the LRBOI Natural Resource Department (231-723-1594) and we can give you more information about the harvest, permitting details, and reserving a spearing shanty. February 11<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to obtain a permit. Also, the Department can provide you with information and phone numbers about renting ice shanties while on Black Lake.

- Temporary **Staff Positions in Tribal Natural Resources** Aquatics Program.

This summer the LRBOI Natural Resources Department will be hiring temporary staff to assist with fisheries and aquatic monitoring. Many exciting projects are in store including working with sturgeon, stream fish, bugs and water sampling. Many weekends and nights will be worked throughout the summer. If wading in fast water, seeing fish and picking bugs seems like a good summer job and you are enrolled in a BS degree program in biology (or related field) please submit an application to the Human Resources Department by March 1st.

- **Hunters, fishers and gatherers.** We invite you to send us your 2010 hunting, fishing and gathering success pictures via Email, Post Office or to simply drop them off at the department. You are also welcome to add a story which may also make its way to the Currents if you'd like. We add all submissions to our Wall of successful hunters, fishers and gathers and would proudly like to add yours.

Email: [bharnish@lrboi.com](mailto:bharnish@lrboi.com)  
 Address: LRBOI Natural Resource Department  
 Atten: Bonnie Harnish  
 375 River Street  
 Manistee, MI 49660

- **Trading Post logowear!** We are proud to announce that our logo apparel is now available online. You may go to [www.baysupplyinc.com](http://www.baysupplyinc.com) and on the left side of the page click on Little River Trading Post and place your order. Payment is via Credit Card and your order will be shipped directly to your door step. Also check back we are always adding new things to order. Thank you and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Trading Post.
- **Work Search Computer!** The Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program has had a computer installed for job search and career-related activities at the Commerce Dept., 294 River Street. The computer may be used by any Tribal Citizen or Descendant and they must be signed up with the Workforce Development Program. The department also maintains a hard copy Job Postings Book at the workstation for all job postings through Tribal Government and LRCR, as well as other job resource information.
- **Opportunity for Training:** Attention!!! The tribal government recently created a partnership with Occidental Chemical Corporation in Ludington, Michigan to identify those Tribal members that may be seeking current opportunities and up to 40 new positions by the year 2014 in the Maintenance profession with welding and electrical backgrounds.

We will be working closely with workforce development to identify those parties who are interested in obtaining the required training and schooling to get into their apprenticeship programs and other training in welding and electrical through schools such as West Shore Community College and other certification institutions.

If you know of anybody interested in pursuing this career opportunity or who may be qualified for the current position, please forward their resume and information to our HR department or Dave Hawley in workforce development. If any individual needs more information or needs help in formatting a resume, our Workforce Development department will assist in that process.

# *(Tribal Health Clinic)*

- **Wii Bowling for Elders.** The CHRs from Tribal Health are holding **Wii** bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health.

***“You can’t just sit down and talk about the truth. It doesn’t work that way. You have to live it and be part of it and you might get to know it.”***

-- Rolling Thunder, CHEROKEE

We all read books that have much information in them. Often we pick up on little sayings that we remember. Inside of us is the little owl, the owl of knowing. It talks to us - guiding us and nurturing us. Often when we get information, it’s hard to live by, but it’s easy to talk about. It’s living the Red Road that counts - Walk the Talk. If we really want freedom in our lives, if we really want to be happy, if we really want to have peace of mind, it’s the truth we must seek.

*My Creator, help me in my search for the truth today.*

Come Join the Diabetes Talking Circle

- **Learn:**
- **Myths about diabetes**
- **Diabetes prevention**
- **Diabetes risk factors**
- **Types of diabetes**
- **Eating healthy, dietary guidelines**
- **Reading food labels and shopping for healthy foods**
- **Healthy food preparation**
- **Traditional foods**
- **Routine medical care**

This group can help support your desire to change your eating habits/diet, support a family member with diabetes, and assist you in making changes to be healthier. Tuesday 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Health Clinic or Wednesday 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Aki Community Center. Classes run for 12 weeks. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Holly Davis RN, MSN Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Teresa Johnson Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Elders Department  
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Chairman: Ronald Pete  
Secretary: Marcella Leusby

Trustee: Connie Waitner  
Trustee: Martha Kase

Dear Candidate;

This is an invitation to attend the Elder’s Meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

We hope you will come at noon and eat with the elders.

When the meeting is called to order, Each of you will be introduced, given 5 minutes for you to speak to the elders. There will be no questions from the elders.

We hope you will take this opportunity to, put a face on the name, what you feel are the most pressing issues facing our Nation now and in the future and to give your vision of the direction where you believe the Nation needs to be moving.



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From LRBOI



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This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated:2-2-11

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation

CS - Child Support

CT - Civil Ticket

DM - Divorce with children

DO - Divorce w/o children

EA - Enrollment Appeal

EB - Election Board Appeal

EM - Emancipation of Minor

FJ - Foreign Judgment

FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment

GA - Gaming Appeal

GC - General Civil

GM - Guardianship of Minor

GR - Employment Matter

JC - Judicial Complaint

JV - Juvenile

LT - Landlord Tenant

NA - Neglect Abuse

NC - Name Change

PF - Probate

PPO - Personal Protection Order

TA - Trust Access

TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, February 7, 2011; Judge Bailey

•1:00 p.m. Rhodea v. Wabsis - 11020CM Motion Hrg.

Friday, February 18, 2011; Judge Bailey

•11:00 a.m. Juvenile Hrg. - 10271JV Closed Hrg.

Monday, February 14, 2011; Judge Bailey

•3:45 p.m. Knapp, Jared - 11029TA Trust Access Hrg.

•4:00 p.m. Shoup, Samantha - 10266PF Motion Hearing

Monday, February 21, 2011; Judge Bailey

•10:00 a.m. Wilhoit v. Tribe - 10120GC Motion Hrg.

•11:00 a.m. Koon v. Koon - 10281DO Final Divorce

\*Docket is subject to additions or deletions based on new filings.



"Check out our video tutorial on how to make your own snowsnake for the tournament next month.

Just go to <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/> and follow the link that reads

"How to Make a Snowsnake video" under 2011 Annual Goonignebig Tournament in the calendar"

## • Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission 2 openings

Health Commission 2 openings

Binojeeuk 1 opening

LRCR Board 1 opening for an elected official

All other commission seats available have been filled.

(compiled by Office of Public Affairs)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:

The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to [currentcomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentcomments@lrboi.com).

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.

# Aki Community Center Elder Meals Menu 2011



## February

Depression is more common in the winter months. Socialization is proven to help with depression. Make an effort to spend time with friends, attend the Elders Meal Lunch and visit with other Elders. Pick up the phone and chit chat with someone you haven't talked to in a while.

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions Phone: 231-398-6886  
E-mail: [ncross@lrboi.com](mailto:ncross@lrboi.com)  
Volunteers are needed to help with meals if interested please contact Noelle.

Meals served at 12 o'clock

- No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicap/Disabled individuals who reside with Elder.
  - Guests Meals are \$5.00
- Donations are appreciated and will be used for program activities and food.

## February

| Sun | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                  | Tue | Wed                                                                                                             | Thu | Fri                                                                                                                 | Sat                                                                                                                     |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1   | 2 Hot Turkey<br>Mashed Potato<br>Corn<br>Sugar Free Cookie<br>Activity: Wii Bowling                             | 3   | 4 Breaded Fish<br>Mac n cheese<br>Brussels Sprouts<br><br>Birthday Celebration                                      | 5 Elder Committee Mtg<br>Baked Chicken,<br>Roasted Red Potato,<br>Broccoli /Cauliflower,<br>Cheddar roll and<br>Sherbet |
| 6   | 7 Grilled Chick Sand<br>Macaroni Salad<br>Lettuce and Tomato<br>Mixed Fruit                                                                                                          | 8   | 9 Savory Roasted Chicken<br>Parsley Rice<br>Beans n sweet peppers<br>Oatmeal Apple Bar<br>Activity: Wii Bowling | 10  | 11 Sirloin Steak<br>Mashed pot<br>Spinach<br>Healthy Cheesecake                                                     | 12                                                                                                                      |
| 13  | 14 ~Valentines Day ~<br>Creamy Tomato Soup<br>Grilled Cheese<br>Mixed Vegi<br>Valentine Cupcakes  |     | 16 Philly smothered Chicken<br>Brown Rice<br>Carrot coin<br>Brown Sugar Coffee Cake<br>Activity: Wii Bowling    | 17  | 18 Hamburger<br>Sweet Tator tot<br>Corn on the cob<br>Jell-O<br>Cabin Fever                                         | 19                                                                                                                      |
| 20  | 21 Pork roast<br>Whipped sweet Potato<br>Mandarin orange/graham<br>cracker                                                                                                           | 22  | 23 Apple Stuffed Chicken<br>Au Gratin Potato<br>Carrots Lyonnais<br>Pudding<br>Activity: Wii Bowling            | 24  | 25 Beef Stroganoff<br>Green Beans<br>Pears<br>Sugarless Bars<br>Depression Presentation                             | 26                                                                                                                      |
| 27  | 28 Turkey Club<br>Home Potato Chips<br>Fresh Broccoli<br>Cookie<br>BINGO                                                                                                             |     | Coffee, milk and water are<br>available at every meal.                                                          |     | Menu subject to change<br>with out notice.<br>Meals meet 1/3 of the<br>RDI based on a 1600 to<br>2000 calorie diet. |                                                                                                                         |

Friday the 4th, Birthdays for the Month of February celebrated and a foot clinic presentation . Monday the 7th , Chair exercise . Friday the 18th , Cabin Fever - Holly Davis will be bringing the children who participated in the summer camp to Aki to play wii , have lunch and do crafts. We encourage Elders to pair up with the children. Monday the 21st , Chair Exercise. Friday the 25th , Sue Jean Drake from the Family Services Department will be doing a presentation on Depression. Monday the 28th, BINGO!!!